

WATCHING GRANT'S ARMY ON FLANK MOVEMENT

Ninth Virginia Cavalry Has Some Thrilling Experiences Near the Rappahannock.

RIDE NEAR ENEMY'S CAMP

Brightly Gleaming Fires Mistaken for Those of Confederates—General Robert E. Lee Takes Night Ride Along Telegraph Road.

On May 26, 1864, from the position we occupied in the Confederate line of battle in the vicinity of Spotsylvania Court House the Ninth Virginia Cavalry was withdrawn and sent to the crossings of the little river which flows near Guinea's Station. After reaching that stream the company to which I was attached was sent across it to watch the road running parallel with the railroad, as well as several other roads farther north in the direction of the Rappahannock River. It fell to my lot to command the company on this mission and my orders were given with some urgent and explicit instructions as to making immediate reports of any movements of the enemy made it quite certain that our officers felt that Grant was preparing to move his army past Lee's left flank in the direction of Richmond.

Lieutenant-Colonel Washington, with a detail of twelve or fifteen men, was sent to picket the roads nearer the Rappahannock, and I posted several more men to duty on the roads to keep watch on the road and passes near the station. The orders to the man posted farthest up on this road were to fire his carbine on the enemy's approach and then to gallop to regimental headquarters to report their advance. Another picket, posted a quarter of a mile nearer, was instructed to hold his ground until the enemy came near, and then to fire and hasten to report.

I had taken the company to bivouac for the night to a barn located on the elevated ridge overlooking the valley, within a mile or so of the house in which "Stonewall" Jackson had died under the same ridge the year before, and the men, without unsealing, had fallen asleep. Just after midnight the "bang" of the farthest picket was heard, and the men were at once aroused and called to mount. We had scarcely got into saddle and ready to march when the clang of the second picket was heard. This picket very soon met us and reported that a column of cavalry was advancing.

Knowing that a mill was not far ahead of us on the road of this advance, a trot was at once taken to get to it before the Federal advance guard did, so that by removing the planks from the firebox which crossed the road, we could secure a good position to check the enemy for a time. We reached the mill, dismounted and were pushing the banks up from the bridge, when we heard a report from the rear, and were astonished at the enemy's near approach. We at once hastened to our ambuscade. The enemy halted as if they discovered some signs that we were lying in wait for them, but very quickly began to cautiously proceed. Just as they reached the bridge and were stopped by its damaged condition, we rose from our hiding place, and our carbines flashed out on the night's darkness. We then hastened back to our horses and fell back about a mile, when most of the men were dismounted and arranged along a hedge in the rear.

When the enemy advanced again they put out flanking on either side, and we were unable to give them a volley at close range. We then retreated along the Bowling Green Road to where it turned and crossed the river on a bridge. Here we halted and, having removed ten or twelve planks from near the center of the bridge, secreted ourselves in the bushes on the southern side. The streaks of dawn were now appearing, and we could see a long line of cavalry halted on the road over which we had just passed, the line of the sharpshooters was deployed in the field of skirmish hand and began to advance towards the bridge. We commenced to fire on them from our cover, but none appeared to hit by our shots. We were thus engaged when we heard a volley above us and somewhat in our rear. There was then some lively running to the horses and falling, and we reached the bridge and mounted, and found that a dismounted party of the enemy had waded the river above us, and were near the road where it turned towards the hills as we were. We had just at a gallop to get by, arriving at a village to turn west. At this turn in the road a single rider, Corporal Carrillo's horse fell dead, our only casualty.

RETRO TO HILLS SOUTH OF THE RIVER

We retired to the hills south of the river, which offered admirable posts of observation, and there watched Carrillo and Warren's corps as they moved down toward the Bowling Green, till the gathering darkness屏蔽ed them from our view.

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Just then a courier arrived directing me to rejoin the regiment at the Mud Tavern. Towards this point we directed our march, and as long as we followed a road having timber on each hand, we reached the open land. Around the tavern and a few hundred yards beyond, numerous companies gleamed brightly before us. I led the company and asked two men, Lewis and Edwards, to run ahead and ascertain if the fires were those of our regiment. They soon came back saying "All right."

We crossed the mud, and the ploughed gully of the stream, and the gladdening woods bid right merrily welcome, restbroken and bright as we were.

As we rode on and reached within

forty or fifty yards of the first fires, something about them, or the men moving around them preparing supper, excited some doubt or misgiving in my mind, and I halted the company and asked Edwards if he had asked any one what command was camping there, and he said, "No"; but he felt certain it was our brigade. I then told him to ride up near to one of the fires and ask what troops were there. He rode forward and I heard him ask, "What regiment is this?" and heard the answer, "Fourth New York Cavalry." We soon were satisfied that we were not pursued, and then rode on leisurely in a southerly course until we came to the Potomac River and at a point where we could discover old Ford.

(To Be Continued Next Sunday.)

Genealogical Notes, Queries and Answers

Address all communications to Genealogical Editor, The Times-Dispatch.

We insert an interesting communication from a woman of that most historic old town, Hillsboro, N. C. She writes: "My mother's great-grandmother was Ferbee Randolph Savage, who was married 17—at the residence of her uncle and guardian, Peyton Randolph, in Williamsburg, Va. He was president of the House of Burgesses. Ferbee Randolph Savage married Francis Pugh, gentleman, of Bertie County, North Carolina. They had one child, a daughter, Ferbee Pugh, who married John Williams, of Fort Barnwell, North Carolina. They had several children, among them Bryant Williams, who was a Governor of North Carolina; and John Lewis Williams, who married Jane Davis, of New Hanover County, North Carolina. They had three daughters, Elizabeth Emma Moore, who married John Haywood, treasurer of North Carolina; Ferbee Pugh Williams, who married Captain William Hall, of Brunswick County, North Carolina, and Rebecca Christian Williams, who married Alfred Moore, Jr., of Brunswick County, North Carolina, on April 1, 1862. They had five daughters, Susan Henrietta, Elizabeth Davis, Augusta Williams, Emma Sinclair, and Caroline Rebecca.

"Emma Sinclair Moore, fourth child of Alfred Moore and Rebecca Christian Williams, married William Cameron, a resident of Hillsborough, N. C., and I am the fourth child of that marriage.

"Can you give me any information as to the ancestors of Ferbee, sometimes spelt in old papers as 'Ferbe,' only one final e? Randolph Savage."

"Now my second lot of inquiries goes back to my father's native State, Virginia, and I want information about several of his lines, viz: Call, Cocke, Taliaferro and Field.

"Father was the second son of William Cameron of Petersburg, Va., and Anne Call, of Richmond. Anne Call was oldest daughter of Daniel Call, counsellor at law, of Richmond, and Elizabeth Jonathan Taliaferro, his wife. Elizabeth Jonathan Taliaferro was also daughter of Reuben Cocke and Col. Richard Taliaferro of Broad Run Plantation, James City County, Va., and Williamsburg was their postoffice. Rebecka Cocke was the daughter of Robert Cocke, of the Malvern Hills, and Elizabeth Hartwell, his wife.

"Who were the Cockes and Hartwells?

"Colonel Richard Taliaferro was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and was murdered by a Tory during the war.

"I know nothing at all of the Taliaferro side of the house, except that my great-grandmother, a widow of eleven children, and one of his older sisters was the wife of Judge Thomas Nelson of Yorktown, and a standing tradition of the Richmond class, so William Wirt told my grandfather, who was her niece.

"Daniel Call was, I think, a native of Dinwiddie, Va. He had one brother named Jacob, who was killed during the Revolutionary War, and another brother, Colonel William Call, who was a Governor of Florida. Daniel Call's mother was named Mary Field.

"Daniel Call married a second wife, Miss Lucy Adams, whose older sister had married Chief Justice Marshall. I understand that her calligrapher and father was a calligrapher for years, was elegant and accomplished, and entertained royally. I think he lived to be 100 years old. He was dead from his waist down. Who were the Calls?"

Mrs. Forbes, of Memphis, Tenn., has joined his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brinkley, who have been here since early in the season, and will remain until its close.

MOUNTAIN LAKE

Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MOUNTAIN LAKE, VA., September 3.—Every minute of the crisp sunny day here invites one to ride, walk, row or swim to enjoy to the full the glorious outdoors.

Mr. and Mrs. Blum, of Galveston Tex., gave a picnic supper on Bold Rock on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Denison gave a marshmallow roast at Denison cottage on Wednesday evening in honor of their young house guests, Misses Luella and Phyllis Denison, of Roanoke, and Mildred Caithorne, of Richmond.

There have been an unusually large number of motor parties recently, sometimes ten or twelve parties coming in one day.

Richard Evelyn Byrd, who is one of the regular September visitors to Mountain Lake, is now here.

Among the Richmond guests recently registered are C. C. Barksdale, Mrs. William Forbes, Miss Mildred Caithorne, Miss Fannie Tyler, Miss Martha Beale, Miss Grace M. Moore, W. S. Gray, Miss Lucy Meade, Miss E. Meade, Mr. and Mrs. St. George Cooke, Miss Louise McAdams Withers, Mrs. William Augustine, John Fensom, Robert G. Cushman and John M. G. Ryland.

Among other Virginia guests are Miss Lucille James, of Petersburg; A. Wilson, A. A. Wilson, Jr., and Miss Mary E. Wilson, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lewis, H. G. Sites, G. W. Sites, K. D. Caskie, J. G. Paul, of Roanoke; Mrs. H. A. Gray and son and Miss M. L. Gray, of Waycross; Miss Josephine Patterson and Miss Annie Patterson, of Ransom; W. H. Anson and M. O. Farrier, of Pearisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Koppert, with their two sons and maid, of Galveston, Tex., who were here in June, have returned for September, and are occupying Salter's cottage.

Miss Martha Wall, of Memphis, Tenn., has joined his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brinkley, who have been here since early in the season, and will remain until its close.

CROCKETT SPRINGS

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CROCKETT SPRINGS, VA., September 3.—Notwithstanding the fact that new arrivals, each day there are changes in the crowd, every train bringing new guests to take the places of the departing ones.

A large card party was given on Saturday morning, at which auction and five hundred were played. The winners of prizes were Mrs. H. O. Sanders, of Gloucester; Dr. Taliaferro, of Norfolk, and Mrs. L. B. White, of Norfolk. The consolation prize was drawn by Mrs. H. B. Vesey, of Norfolk.

An evening card party was given on Wednesday morning complimentary to Miss Annie Mansfield, of Portsmouth.

On Wednesday night a house party was given. The ball-room was filled with children and grown-ups, who enjoyed the game. The prizes were won by Claire Giblin, of Baton Rouge, and Rivers Adams, of Lynchburg. Each child was presented with a brightly-colored paper favor in which was found a fancy cap.

Mrs. T. L. Knibb, of Dublin, Va., arrived on Thursday and will be here for some time with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marion, and little Marion Crockett.

A large family party arrived on Thursday night from Norfolk and Gloucester, Va., and took one of the cottages for the fall season. The party includes Dr. and Mrs. C. E. S. Taliaferro, Misses Georgine and Alice Turpell, William Taliaferro, Mrs. H. O. Saunders, Miss L. T. Taliaferro and Mrs. A. W. Tab.

Miss Helen Thomas, of Farmville, Va., who spent two weeks with Miss Helen Thomas, returned to her home on Wednesday.

The entire of Miss Little Barnwell's friends entertained her informally at a supper the night before her departure for Columbia, S. C., where she has gone to visit her brother, William Barnwell.

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There were several Benjamins ex-

tant in Virginia about this period, from one of whom your correspondent may

were bought by Robert Nelson afterward.

I have no genealogy of the calls, but will publish an authentic one if sent to me.

EDITOR.

"I wish to inform your correspondent that Benjamin Weller, Jr., and Judge Benjamin, of Williamsburg, had no son, Richard. He was very sure of it. I asked a grandson of the former who resides here, John Weller, and was told what the family Bible records, viz.: Benjamin Weller and Catherine Page, his wife, had three sons and one daughter—first, Benjamin; second, Dr. Robert Page Weller; third, William Weller, of Williamsburg; fourth, Mrs. Holmes — Muse."

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descended.

In Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. xx, page 252, an extract from Caroline County records, states that Benjamin Weller qualified as attorney in 1732.

"Hennig, vol. IV, (Index will give page), informs us of the same purpose, on such a day, 1732, Benjamin Weller qualified as King's All. At first sight, this would seem to have been Judge Weller, of Williamsburg, Well."

"He was born on October 1, 1716, and a boy of sixteen would not have been permitted to qualify. Moreover, the records of William and Mary College show he was on its rolls in 1738, aged nineteen.

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WHITE SULPHUR, W. VA., September 3.—Two of the largest affairs of the season were given on Labor Day.

George W. Stevens, of Richmond, was host at a Cornish picnic in honor of the birthday anniversary of Lady Williams-Taylor, of Montreal.

A hot supper was served on small tables arranged on the porch and among those who accepted their invitation were Lady Williams-Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Colston, of Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. De Soto Fitz Gerald, of Richmond; Colonel and Mrs. William Wheatley, of Washington; Channing Wiley, of Washington; Mrs. Pearl F. Lewis, of Norfolk; Frank Frazier, Mrs. Franklin D. Pelton, of New York.

The silver trophy offered by James

R. Branch for the best ringer score in golf was won by Edward T. Wilson, of Plainfield, N. J., and presented to him on Saturday afternoon at the Casino. Thomas B. Paine making the presentation speech.

Among those who entertained at the

supper dance on Saturday evening in the White were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harwood, Victor Williams, Mrs. Andrew Christian, Walker Wallace, Dr. John Freeland, James W. Osborne, William McGill and Mrs. Edward White.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Williams left on Wednesday for a visit to relatives in Orange, Va., after spending a month here.

GEORGE W. STEVENS GUEST OF HONOR

George W. Stevens was honored guest at a dinner on Friday evening in the Greenbrier, given by Mrs. J. E. C. Kohlsaat, of Cincinnati. Sixty covers were laid.

Miss Mary Custis Lee, who has been spending August at the White, left on Monday for Newport, to visit her nephew, Dr. Bolling Lee, in his cottage there. Miss Lee showed to her friends while here, some exquisite miniatures of her father, General Robert E. Lee, which had been done by an Atlanta artist.

General and Mrs. William H. Cox, of Richmond, are staying at the Greenbrier for the month of September.

Mrs. Victor Williams entertained a

few friends at tea at the Casino on Tuesday afternoon. Some of her guests were Mrs. Granville Valentine, Mrs. Martha Robinson, and Mrs. Ruth Lorton.

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Miss Martha Robinson, and Mrs. Ruth Lorton.

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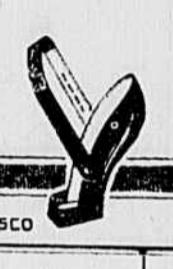
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